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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on April 9, 2003 be extended for three months, to and including October 9, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$475.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

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